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Trump bans travel from Europe

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TOURNEY: The NCAA men's and women's basketball tournaments will take place without the general public. **C1**

FUTURE: Looking at what happened with other infectious disease outbreaks might tell us how the COVID-19 outbreak might end. **A3**

WASHINGTON: Officials look at potential action as Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, warned that the outbreak in the U.S. is going to get worse. **A3**

SCIENCE: Tests find that the new virus can live in the air for several hours and on some surfaces for as long as two to three days. **A3**

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FLORIDA: As fears grow around the state, officials are being criticized for how they are sharing updates — and for sometimes giving out incorrect information. **A6**

MARKETS: Oil woes and virus fears send stocks tumbling again. **A16**

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Hotels at Sand Lake Road and Universal Boulevard, near International Drive and Universal Orlando on Wednesday.

Fears jab tourism economy

Double-digit dip in hotel occupancy among signs of slowdown

By Ryan Gillespie, Gabrielle Russon and Marco Santana

Disney executive Bob Iger sought to quell investors' fears of coronavirus Wednesday as Central Florida got more indications that the tourism industry is being hit — a double-digit dip in hotel occupancy last week and a warning from at least one investment firm that Disney could be forced to close its U.S. theme parks.

Unlike other major disruptions to tourism such as major hurricanes or the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, experts said the uncertainty surrounding coronavirus is unprecedented because no one knows how long the outbreak will last or how severe it will get. Late Wednesday, the Florida Department of Health identified three new cases, including one where the person participated in Daytona Beach's Bike Week.

Companies across the nation are asking employees to work from home and cutting most business travel. The government advised people against going on cruises. And major events such as Chicago's St. Patrick's Day parades and Austin's South By Southwest festival are canceled.

"Every crisis is unique in its own way, but this one is especially tricky for people because we really don't have a precedent for it," said Robert Niles, who covers the tourism industry on themeparkinsider.com and his Orange County Register column. "It's creating a lot of anxiety."

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"This just a temporary moment of time that we will overcome together as a nation and as a world."

President Donald Trump

President calls for financial relief for workers who are ill

By Lisa Mascaro, Andrew Taylor and Zeke Miller
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump said Wednesday that he is suspending all travel between the U.S. and Europe for 30 days beginning Friday as he seeks to combat a viral pandemic.

Trump made the announcement in an Oval Office address to the nation, blaming the European Union for not acting quickly enough to address the "foreign virus" and saying U.S. clusters were "seeded" by European travelers.

"We made a lifesaving move with early action on China," Trump said. "Now we must take the same action with Europe."

Trump said the restrictions won't apply to the United Kingdom and the U.S. would monitor the situation to determine if travel could be reopened earlier.

Trump said he was also directing agencies to provide unspecified financial relief for "for workers who are ill, quarantined or caring for others due to coronavirus," and asked Congress to take action to extend it.

Trump said the U.S. will defer tax payments for some individual and business filers for three months to lessen the effects of the virus outbreak. He said the Small Business Administra-

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DeSantis' agenda wobbles to finish

Governor's top priority weakened by the House

By Gray Rohrer

TALLAHASSEE – As the legislative session winds down, Gov. Ron DeSantis' agenda is wobbling, but still headed to the finish line as lawmakers on Tuesday continued protracted budget talks weighed down by coronavirus fears and addressed an E-Verify bill he favors.

Lawmakers could pass a final version of the E-Verify bill, SB 664, by Friday, the scheduled end of the legislative session. DeSantis has named the bill aimed at requiring businesses to use the federal E-Verify system to check the citizenship status and employment eligibility of new hires as a top priority, but the House acted Tuesday to weaken the bill.

The House removed provisions which would've allowed the Department of Economic Opportunity to conduct random audits and citizens to file anonymous complaints against businesses not using the

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Gov. Ron DeSantis' agenda is wobbling.

Poll asked Seminole voters about a Greenberg vs. Murphy contest

By Martin E. Comas

Joel Greenberg, Seminole County's controversial tax collector who is seeking a second term, says he has "zero desire" to instead run for Congress in November.

A poll conducted this month asked Seminole voters whether they would vote for Greenberg against U.S. Rep. Stephanie Murphy, D-Winter Park, if an election were held now, raising speculation about whether he may challenge her for the seat.

The survey also asked respondents by phone and text if they have favorable or unfavorable opinions of Greenberg and Murphy.

Greenberg said he had not seen the poll. He also did not answer specific questions about the survey —including whether he or his campaign commissioned it.

"I am not running for Congress," the Republican said in a pair of emails to the Sentinel. "I am not willing to spend millions of dollars to fund a congressional race, which is entirely winnable with Trump on the ballot. Nor do I want to live in [Washington] D.C. where it is freezing at times. I don't want to be away from my wife and

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Sanders to stay in race, Dem debate

The senator has vowed to press ahead with his presidential campaign long enough to debate Biden. **A8**

Trump, his GOP allies attack Biden

The president and his aides are working to discredit the former vice president, stoke division among Dems. **A8**

Weinstein sentenced to 23 years

Hollywood movie mogul Harvey Weinstein was sentenced to a near-maximum term on Wednesday. **A15**

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